



TC. AF/GAU 3312  
3761  
PATENT  
Docket No.: 45751USA6C

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

JOSEPH P. KRONZER et al.

Serial No.: 08/661,834

Filed: June 11, 1996

For: FIBROUS FILTRATION FACE  
MASK

BOX AF

Group Art Unit: 3312

Examiner: Aaron J. Lewis

REC'D  
5/13/99  
RECEIVED

APR 09 1999

Group 3700

#24/  
[Signature]

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

RECEIVED

APR 29 1999

Group 3700

BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS  
AND INTERFERENCES

1999 APR 23 AM 10:57

(1)

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 7, line 38, after "12" insert --to act as a harness--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Kindly amend claims 25, 27, 28, 31, 32, and 33 as shown below.

Sub E17  
25. (amended) A fibrous filtration face mask for filtering contaminants and/or particulate matter, which comprises:

- DT
- (a) a means for securing the mask to the face of a wearer; and
  - (b) a non-woven fibrous layer attached to the securing means and containing (i) at least about 40 wt.% thermally bonding fibers based on the weight of the fibers in the non-woven fibrous layer, at least about 10 wt.% of the fibers in the non-woven layer being bicomponent fibers, and optionally (ii) staple fibers, the non-woven fibrous layer being molded in a cup-shaped

have  
non  
thermally  
bonding  
fiber  
to 31, lines  
11, 12.